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Dear Parent/ Carer,

I hope this letter finds you and your families well and in good health. My weekly updates and reminders are detailed below

Home Testing

A Reminder that if your child is testing at home using lateral flow tests, **you must report their result to NHS Test and Trace** as soon as the test is completed either online or by telephone as per the instructions in the home test kit. A positive result must be followed up with a confirmatory PCR test (as these tests are not conducted in a controlled environment). Please notify the school if your child tests positive so we can take the necessary precautions and your child must only return if the PCR test is negative or they have completed the full isolation period.

Last week, a positive PCR test result was reported for a student in Year 10 late on Friday. This has resulted in a group of students isolating for this week and completing home-learning. Although this will be disappointing for students and families, we must ensure we follow our processes to keep stakeholders safe and support the recovery from the pandemic.

Break Time refreshments

We will be starting break time refreshments for students again starting from Monday 26th April. Options will be limited and will include items such as Pan au chocolate (£1) and Belgian Waffles (£1.25). It is important to note that students entitled to Free School Meals are unable to use their money allocation until lunchtime to allow for a more nutritious meal. We have continued to serve free bagels to student in the morning as part of our breakfast offer. We hope to resume our 'normal' food provision as soon as possible.

Attendance and Punctuality

A reminder that as per government guidance, attendance to school is mandatory for all students unless they have been asked to isolate due to medical reasons. If you would like to discuss any concerns surrounding attendance, please do not hesitate to contact the school.

The majority of our students are attending school and punctual in the morning. However, we have a number of students arriving to school late. A reminder that students should arrive through the school entry points no later than the following times to ensure they are ready for start of day:

Year 11: 8:10am

Years 7 and 10: 8:25am

Years 8 and 9: 8:55am

A reminder that detentions are issued for students regularly late in line with our policy.



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Car Parking

Most of our students walk or cycle in to and out of the school site at the start and end of day. A significant number of our students are also dropped off and/or picked up by car. A reminder to parents/carers that our car park is shared with Netherhall School and therefore we need to ensure we park responsibly and allow for other parents and staff at both schools to use the facility as intended.

Parent Forums

As we continue to plan for changes at the Academy, we are looking at setting up parent forums to give us an opportunity to discuss different aspects of the Academy. I will look to host the meetings at a suitable time for stakeholders and either online or ideally at the school in line with our risk assessment. If you are interested, please send an email to info@orchard-tmet.uk so we can add you to our mailing list and communicate further.

Look forward to another positive week for all stakeholders at the Academy.

Best regards



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Principal